

## R. R. HIGHER-UPS ARE TARGETS OF BLAST PROBERS

Direct Blame for Explosions at Railroad Presidents.

Manslaughter or Violation of Shipping Laws Is Charge.

FIVE DEAD, EIGHT MISSING

Find Woman's Head Dismembered by Terrible Blowup.

Allies Losers in Destruction of \$5,000,000 Munitions.

New York, Aug. 1.—E. L. McKenna, president of the National Storage Company, was arrested shortly before noon on a charge of manslaughter.

He will be arraigned before Judge Sullivan of Jersey City and probably admitted to bail.

BY J. P. YODER.

New York, Aug. 1.—Arrests of higher ups in the \$200,000 explosion on Black Tom peninsula were expected today as a result of a long conference between Prosecutor Hudspeth and Commissioner of Public Safety Hague of Jersey City. According to these officials, at least two presidents of railroads with Jersey City terminals are concerned.

These officials refused to say whether the men would be charged with manslaughter or whether they would merely be charged with violation of statutes regulating shipment and storage of ammunition and explosives.

Ship 2 Million Pounds Daily.

Prosecutor Hudspeth's proposed request for warrants follows a twenty-four hour investigation which showed that approximately two million pounds of explosives are handled at the Black Tom Peninsula and in the Jersey yards nearby daily. From Hudspeth's figures and those furnished by W. S. Topping, chief of the bureau of explosives, organized by the railroads, it was also shown \$2,542,488 worth of explosives were shipped from this port during May and that more than \$500,000 worth of munitions were shipped during the twelve months ending June 30 last.

While Hudspeth's immediate desire is to prosecute alleged violations in the past, his ultimate aim is to force munition makers and railroads to find some other place than Black Tom, or, in fact, the state of New Jersey, as a shipping point. He is backed up by Representative Hamilton, who is planning congressional action to prevent prevention of another such series of explosions as took place Sunday.

Insurance Covers Losses.

The known cause of the explosion today is five when Patrimine William O'Neill of Jersey City reported that he had found a woman's head on Cranford Point road near Black Tom. The woman was supposed to be Mrs. Freda Wilson, wife of a large captain. The two Wilson children are among the eight known missing.

It became known today that the loss is almost entirely covered by insurance. Lloyd's English company being largely concerned. The allies, to whom the munitions were going, will be the sole losers, so far as destruction of munitions is concerned.

## RACE FOR HOMESTEAD

Two Men Fled on Same Land Near Garden City—Like Old Times.

Dodge City, Kan., Aug. 1.—A race to a government land office between two men who wished to file on the same piece of land was staged here in a manner which strongly reminded old settlers of the days when the Indian Territory was opened for settlement.

The men met in the court house at Garden City after each had filed their affidavits of settlement and in the conversation ensuing learned that they had filed on the same piece of land. It is a government rule that the first applicant filing at the government land office must obtain possession of the tract.

One of the men, recognizing this fact, started for this city in an automobile. His departure was learned of a few minutes later and the other applicant for the homestead started in pursuit. The three mile trail of the first applicant was kept until within five miles of the land office, when a burst of speed sent the pursuer far in the lead and into possession of the coveted land. The trip was made at the rate of a mile in two minutes, according to the figures of the winner.

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## BETTER ARMY THAN GERMANY ASSERT FRENCH

It Took Us Two Years; Germany 40, They Say.

Suffered Fate of Unpreparedness First Two Months.

5,000,000 MEN IN UNIFORM

Meanwhile Has Lent Help to Other Ally Nations.

Mechanical Perfection of Artillery Secret of Success.

BY HENRY WOOD.

Paris, Aug. 1.—Within two years, despite the handicap of maintaining her own unequal end in the world's greatest war, France has built up a military machine that today the French contend is superior to the organization Germany was forty years in preparing.

France is not a military nation. She does not boast of her war engine, but she takes credit for genius in organization and resourcefulness which she would have preferred to employ in pursuits of peace.

That her armies today are superior to those of Germany, France feels has been demonstrated by their successful resistance to date. Germany has had to divide her organization on various fronts, but has opposed man for man on the French front, and there is reason to believe that in most combats, she has had numerical superiority.

During the first two months of the war, when unprepared France fell back under the impetus of this world's Colossus, she has held her own. Before the war ends, she expects to have demonstrated that she can do more than that.

Verdun the Real Test.

France feels Verdun is the supreme test of the present relative efficiency of the two fighting machines. Best estimates available here place the total German troops employed there since the beginning of the battle at 1,000,000. France can give the names and numbers of German regiments to establish this figure.

France has had no more than half that number. The Germans themselves place the total of French troops at 500,000. Some neutral military experts give the same figure while the Swiss and Argentine military attaches with the crown prince's army place the French at 850,000. Yet the French have more than held their own at Verdun.

Such intensive organization has cost France tremendous effort. Since the beginning of the war, 5,000,000 Frenchmen have worn the French uniform in actual service. With a population of fewer than 40,000,000 one person of every eight in France, regardless of age, sex or physical ability, has served.

Could Call Another Million.

Before the war, each class as it was called to the colors with its attainment of military age, gave France but 500,000 soldiers. The explanation is that when the classes of 1916, 1917 and 1918, the last not called but its number known, gave yields of 800,000 men each. The explanation is that when France had to create a military machine in a hurry for military preparation sprang up. The youth of the nation was called out and prepared for the front; the class of 1917 still in training, while the class of 1918 is steadily being called out for military training. France's new steel helmet alone has reduced the head wound 33 1-3 per cent. France has spared her men by superior genius in organization.

Sent Succor to Serbia.

Upbuilding the material side of the French machine involved greater genius. There is not one French soldier who is wearing the same uniform or using an ounce of the same material he entered the war with. All have been entirely refitted with commercial goods. The generous help extended her allies, especially the little ones.

In November, 1914, when the Serbian army retreated for three weeks before the Austrian invasion owing to lack of ammunition, it was the steamroller of the Meuse river and the flagship Waldeck Rousseau

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## ONE MAN IN FAVOR OF COMPULSORY SERVICE FOR "STAY AT HOMES"



## GAIN IN DEPOSITS PRICES ARE HIGHER

The Kaw Valley Shipped 38 Cars of Potatoes Saturday.

Thirty-eight cars of potatoes were shipped from the Kaw valley Saturday. Approximately 600 bushels were loaded into Kansas City in wagonload lots.

The market was strong with jobbers' prices \$1.10 and \$1.15 a bushel. Farmers' sales were mostly in small lots.

Had Others Helped.

Had all the allies extended the same timely and generous aid to Serbia and Montenegro that France did, these two countries would still be enjoying their independence and the present Salonika expedition would never have been necessary.

From a purely military standpoint, France has rendered even greater aid to her allies. So far back as the Balkan front, French artillery has been demonstrated. Germany began the war with an abundance of heavy artillery but they could not compete with the mechanical perfection of the French guns or the superiority of the French artillery fire.

This was France's great military secret, jealously guarded for years. She has since shared it generously with her allies.

French artillery officers early in the war perfected the Russian artillery fire that rendered possible this year's great drive through Galicia. Guns furnished the Russians by the Japs are French models. Other nations were aided.

Helped Italy Equip.

When the present war began, it was one of the national scandals in Italy that her artillery did not have a single modern field piece. She was allowed her to equip her entire army from the Dupont works.

Since the beginning of the present war, France has organized, fought and bled with all the superior genius and generosity of which the French nation has ever been capable.

PORTUGUESE INTO IT

Flotilla Encounters German Guns in East Africa Province.

Lebanon, Aug. 1.—Portuguese naval forces have been operating in East Africa, though not on a large scale, says the Seculou. A dispatch received by the newspaper from Lourenco Marques says:

"A Portuguese flotilla made a reconnaissance on the left bank of the Rovuma (a river separating German East Africa from Portuguese Africa) on the 20th. Tuss conducting a force were fired on by the Germans with machine guns. Two Portuguese being killed and five wounded."

"Eight days later the Portuguese again attacked the Germans, who were strongly entrenched on the right bank, but they had to retire, owing to the state of the river, after suffering considerable loss."

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Resources.

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Overdrafts.....327,230.10

Other real estate owned.....1,383,097.16

Bank building, furniture and fixtures.....4,200,067.01

Guaranty fund with state treasurer.....475,367.55

Bonds and warrants.....3,249,489.04

Cash items and clearing.....720,139.02

Cash and sight exchange.....42,738,792.08

Other resources.....925,745.26

Total resources.....\$182,834,049.15

Capital stock.....\$1,000,000.00

Surplus.....3,250,740.27

Undivided profits (net).....1,383,097.16

Dividends declared but not paid.....90,807.30

Total deposits.....145,625,397.15

Bills rediscounted and bills payable.....2,544,815.20

Stockholders' reserve.....712,748.02

Other liabilities.....157,990.19

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## GERMANS FLEE TO DODGE RUSS NET AT KOVEL

Gen. von Bothmer's Army Almost Surrounded by Slavs.

Austrian Army Also in Danger Being Enveloped.

ADVANCING ON BOTH SIDES

Floods, Swamps, Wire Barriers Fail to Halt Drive.

Germans Move Artillery and Food Supply From Kovel.

London, Aug. 1.—General Count von Bothmer's army is reported to be almost enveloped by the Russians in Galicia, says a dispatch from Rome to the Wireless Press. Count von Bothmer is said to have destroyed the railway behind the Austrian army.

The Germans are withdrawing from Kovel their heavy artillery, food and munition depots, says another dispatch from Rome to the Wireless Press. The city of Vladimir-Volynsky, in Volhynia is said to have been completely evacuated by the Germans.

Advance Across Stokhod.

Petrograd, Aug. 1.—Flooded fields, marshy swamps and barbed wire entanglements partly submerged, have failed to stop the Russian advance across the Stokhod river north of Kovel. German positions which the Teuton commanders have spent months in perfecting are succumbing daily to the Russian assaults.

The enveloping movement around Kovel is proceeding step by step. General Kaledin's forces have negotiated the difficult marches of the Stokhod and General Sakharov's division is forcing the Austrian troops under General von Boehm-Ermolli westward from Brody. Between Kovel and Brody is a "kink" in the line.

Military authorities here estimate the Teuton forces must retire from this angle if the Russian advance on both sides continues or else run the risk of having its flank turned.

Austrians Counter on Brody.

Judging from battle front dispatches today the floods on the Dniester river opposite Brody have broken the Russian General Letichsky to press forward with greater rapidity.

Austrian big guns are bombarding Brody in a counter attack, but it is officially stated that the fire is waning.

Plague Toll in New York Sets New High Mark.

Patients Have Been Cured by Adrenalin Treatment.

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If Killoy is sure of his facts, he probably will be the star witness at any investigation, since it is important to establish whether the fire started in the freight cars or on the barge belonging to the Johnson firm, which was tied up at the Black Tom pier.

Fend at Holy Roller Church.

Wytheville, Va., Aug. 1.—Joseph Peoples, aged 40, and Aleck Fisher, aged 33, are dying after a free-for-all fight with revolvers at the Holy Roller church at Hick Mountain, according to reports received here today. Fred and Gordon Fisher, brothers, and William Spencer, Jr., are in Wytheville jail in connection with the fight.

The shooting, it is said, grew out of a flat fight some time ago between Peoples and the three Fishers.

UNCLE SAM GETS

BIG PROFIT FROM INSURING SHIPS

Washington, Aug. 1.—The bureau of war risk insurance, established two years ago when war sent marine insurance to a prohibitive price, made a profit of more than \$2,000,000 from the government. It has issued 1,539 policies, covering \$138,352,389 on American cargoes and ships carrying non-contraband goods.

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49 YEARS IN CAB

ENGINEER IS GLAD TO GIVE UP JOB

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## TAXES GO HIGHER

Levy for 1916 Will Show Increase One-Twentieth Mill.

Will Raise \$3,875,000 From Valuation \$2,980,000,000.

The state tax levy for 1916 will be 1.3 mills, an increase of .05 mill over last year. The levy was announced by the state tax commission, following a report of an increase of \$96,000,000 in the assessed valuation of all Kansas property.

In 1915 the levy was .125 mill. This year the state's budget shows a demand for nearly four million dollars. To meet these demands the state will raise \$3,874,919 in direct taxation. An increase of .05 mill in the 1916 levy was required to meet the state's expenses.

New Heat Wave in N. Y.

New York, July 31.—Less than forty-eight hours after the close of a period of unusually high temperatures, a wave struck New York today, driving the temperature up to 92 degrees, the highest record here this year.

Thermometers registered 112. There were many prostrations. A sharp breeze offered some relief.

TODAY'S MARKET REPORTS.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—WHEAT—Lower cable quotations tended today to depress the wheat market here. Liverpool dispatches explained that although heavy orders of European countries would be larger than had been expected buyers were still holding back. Announcement from Omaha, however, indicated that the market was firm.

There for ocean shipment brought about something of a rally. Opening prices, however, were lower, with September at \$1.20 1/2 to \$1.20 3/4, and December at \$1.24 1/2 to \$1.24 3/4. The market was followed by moderate further losses and then a material upturn.

Wheat market showed a sharp advance as a result of increasing crop damage reports from the northwest, large export sales and decided buying in foreign quotations from Liverpool. Assertions were current that North America this year would contribute to the world's supply of wheat last year to the world's import requirements.

Later the ascent of wheat had considerable effect on corn, but not of a lasting nature. Corn was in steady demand at 3 1/2 to 3 3/4.

OATS—Oats sagged with other grain. Buying was light. Provisions—Provisions averaged high prices. Lighter demand for hogs was noted. Lower quotation on hogs were firm.

Chicago Grain Market.

(The range of prices for grain futures on the Chicago board of trade, as reported by Thos. J. Myers, Broker, Columbus Bldg.)

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Chicago Produce Market.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—WHEAT—Close: September, 124 1/2; October, 124 1/2; November, 124 1/2; December, 124 1/2; January, 124 1/2; February, 124 1/2; March, 124 1/2; April, 124 1/2; May, 124 1/2; June, 124 1/2; July, 124 1/2; August, 124 1/2.